

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Anthony Pollock and Marcellus Bailey, April 6, 1875, with transcript

293 Essex St., Salem, Mass. April 6th, 1875. To Messrs Pollok & Bailey, Gentleman,

I have been ill since my return from Washington, and have been unable to attend to any business except superintending the construction of improved apparatus.

I trust that the Statement forwarded with this (per express) is what is wanted. Please return to me with any corrections you think best — and inform me what I have to do in the matter, and whether it will be necessary for me to go to Washington.

The instruments in their present form (See Figs XXI and XXII of Statement) are perfect enough for immediate use on a line.

They work well with the Induced Current.

I find that the Revolving Cylinder described in my application for a Patent is unnecessary — and I would propose to substitute the present instruments.

The improved Vibratory Circuit-Breaker I beg to call your special attention to.

I find that a special “ damper ” for the vibrating armature is a very important feature of the Receiving Instrument — I forget whether this was alluded to in the Application for a Patent.

Shall I forward models of the completed instruments?

Your letter of the 30th ult. (addressed to Mr. 2 Hubbard) has been forwarded to me.

I am anxious to know which of the Patents has been granted.

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I presume the one for the Vibratory Circuit-Breaker?

Please let me know as soon as convenient what to do. Address me at "Salem, Mass" — as I am often unable to go to town — not having fully recovered my strength.

Yours respectfully, A. Graham Bell. Messrs Pollok & Bailey, Patent Solicitors, Washington, D. C. over

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P. S. Witnesses to experiments in West Newton St., Boston during the winter of 1872 — are

Mr. D. P. Richards West Medford, Mass.

Miss Abbie Locke 106 Delaware St., Buffalo, N.Y.

Miss Rogers Miss Jones Clarke Institution for Deaf-Mutes Northampton, Mass.

Miss Fuller Boston School for Deaf-Mutes 11 Remberton Square.

Mrs. Brown & family 334(?) Shawmut Avenue. Boston, Mass.

and many other friends.

Witnesses to experiments in Salem, Mass. during the winter of 1873 — are

Mrs Mary A Sanders 292 Essex St., Salem.

Mr. Thomas Sanders Mrs. Thomas Sanders Haverhill, Mass.

Domestics of the house 292 Essex St — Salem saw the instruments at the time but did not know the object of the experiments.

Friends also in Salem saw the apparatus.

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Experiments in the winter of 1874 are recorded in letters addressed to Mr. Hubbard at the time.

A.G.B.